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SUBJECT: COUNTERVAILING DUTIES: NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR

REF: A. STATE 207458 AND B. BA-6847

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED TREASURY REACTION TO GOA PROPOSAL WITH AMBASSADOR TETTAMANTI, SECRETARY OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, MINISTRY OF ECONOMY. WE DID NOT REPEAT NOT MENTION "TOTAL ELIMINATION OF BOUNTY OR GRANT WITHOUT CREATION OF FUND" BECAUSE WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT TREASURY MEANS BY THIS. IT COULD BE INTERPRETED TO SIGNIFY FLAT REJECTION OF WHAT GOA CONSIDERS A VERY FORTHCOMING ATTEMPT TO REACH MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION. SPECIFICALLY, REF A LEAVES US UNCERTAIN WHETHER TREASURY CONSIDERS THAT ENTIRE 30 PERCENT PAYMENT TO FOOTWEAR EXPORTS IS "BOUNTY OR GRANT" AND SHOULD BE ELIMINATED, AND WHETHER THERE ARE NO REPEAT NO ACCEPTABLE FUNCTIONS THAT A FUND FOR THE LEATHER INDUSTRY COULD PERFORM.

2. WE TOLD TETTAMANTI OF TREASURY'S DOUBTS ABOUT THE FUND, AND IRGED HIM TO SEND EXPERTS TO WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 26 AND 27. HE SAID THAT IN PRINCIPLE HE WAS WILLING TO SEND EXPERTS ON THOSE DATES
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BUT MENTIONED GOA ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES ABOUT GETTING AUTHORI-

ZATION FOR TRIP ON SHORT NOTICE. HE WILL ALSO CONSIDER HAVING
UNDER-SECRETARY VARTALITIS STOP IN WASHINGTON ENROUTE FROM EUROPE
AT THE END OF NEXT WEEK.

3. TETTAMANTI REQUESTED THAT WE FURNISH HIM, ON VERY URGENT BASIS,
MORE SPECIFIC DETAILS ABOUT TREASURY'S OBJECTIONS TO GOA PROPOSAL,
POINT BY POINT. CLEAR IMPLICATION WAS THAT BEFORE SENDING SOME-
ONE TO WASHINGTON, HE WANTS TO GET A BETTER IDEA OF WHETHER AN
AREA OF AGREEMENT EXISTS.

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